

Church News

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time. Rev. R. E. Porterfield is much admired and beloved by his members. The church has fifty-seven members only, but they rank high in the score of benevolence, their contributions to all the benevolent causes amounting to about seven dollars per member, a pattern for many a more wealthy congregation.

Houston: The Lubbock Street Church, Rev. W. R. Hudson, pastor, is preparing to erect a new church building. The congregation seem much attached to their pastor, who is quite a young man, and can scarcely speak in too high terms of him and his work.

Edna: This church was dedicated April 1. It is built of gray pressed brick and presents an attractive appearance. It is now installing a new heating plant, has rubber runners, recently put in by the ladies. It has a membership of one hundred and twelve, about half of whom regularly attend the prayer meetings. The Sunday-school has an enrollment of over one hundred, and an average attendance of sixty or upwards. Infant baptism was administered last Sabbath. Rev. W. M. Kilpatrick, of New Waverly, formerly pastor here from 1882 to 1885, preached last Sabbath and gave a resume of the church's history. It was organized in 1855. The congregation seem to be on the increase. It is now entering on the Forward Movement. It is situated in the Western limit of the rice belt, has a pastor for all his time, a full corps of officers, and its outlook for usefulness is bright.

Victoria: Rev. J. B. Hudson, the present pastor, has been here for four years. His church membership is about two hundred and from forty to fifty of these regularly attend prayer meeting. Sunday school had one hundred and twenty-three last Sabbath, and has been on the increase since the observance of Rally Day. They have a large Bible class, taught by Elder C. F. Carsner. Another elder, Mr. Barden, is superintendent. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock, from China, recently held a Foreign Mission rally with this church, assisted by Rev. R. E. Porterfield, of Gollad, and Rev. R. S. Offield, of Edna. Mrs. Hancock addressed the ladies at night.

Sherman, College Park Church, observed its ninth anniversary Sunday, November 9, 1909, with appropriate exercises. The reports show a decrease in actual membership, owing principally to removals from the community, but also showing the church in a healthy condition spiritually and financially. The forces are well organized into Sunday-school, ladies' societies, Westminster League and Covenanters. There are eight ruling elders and four deacons. Rev. A. S. Venable is the pastor.

VIRGINIA.

Hot Springs: Rev. J. R. Howerton, D. D., will supply the pulpit, November 21 and 28. Dr. McAllister leaving this week to teach in Louisville Seminary.

Lexington Presbytery: Met November 10, at Staunton, Va. Present 12 ministers and 6 ruling elders. Received, Rev. Chas. B. Ratchford, from the Presbytery of Concord. Installation, to be at Mt. Horeb Church, Saturday, November 27, at 11 a. m. Saturday before third Sabbath. Rev. Charles R. Stribling to preach, preside, etc.; Rev. J. N. Van Devanter, to charge the pastor; Rev. C. L. Altfather, to charge the people; Rev. Wm. C. White, alternate to either. Elders K. B. Koiner, of Mt. Horeb, and Wm. H. Moorman, of Augusta. Installation of Rev. V. H. Starbuck on November 21. Elder W. A. Crawford was placed on the commission to charge the people at Williamsville and McDowell.

Wm. C. White, Stated Clerk.

—Adjourned meeting, November 18, 11 a. m., Staunton, Va. Resignation of Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., of pastorate of the First Church, Staunton, Va., in order that he may accept the Presidency of Columbia Seminary, will come up among other matters.

Wm. C. White, Stated Clerk.

Bethel Church: Rev. C. L. Altfather, the pastor of this church, has had the assistance of Rev. C. D. Waller, of Mt. Sidney, Va., in a meeting and there have been added about 25 to the church.

Graham: Rev. C. M. Chumbley, who has supplied this church since the first of September has declined the call to the pastorate, holding his last service Sunday, November 7. For members were received. It is believed that regular services will be provided for this important and interesting field at an early date.

West Hanover Presbytery: At an adjourned meeting of West Hanover Presbytery, November 6 and 7, candidate S. O. Cox was received from the Presbytery of Atlanta and ordained and installed pastor of the Waddell and Orange churches. This brother and his young wife have already won for themselves a warm place in the hearts of the people. May there be a long and useful pastorate.

Stated Clerk.

In the Winchester Church, on Sunday, November 7, there were ordained and installed three new ruling elders, viz: A. C. Slonaker, H. S. Baker, W. S. White and four new deacons: F. S. Boyd, L. C. J. Janney, W. M. Wagner and R. McC. Glaes. This gives us nine elders and ten deacons and adds good men to both of these bodies.

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Rough Creek: At the quarterly Communion, five persons were received upon profession of faith. This makes twelve added to this church since June.

Bristol: King College, the Presbyterian institution for young men has just added a dormitory at a cost of \$12,000. A like amount has been expended for a new chapel building at the Washington branch of Washington and Tusculum college, a noted Presbyterian school of East Tennessee. This institution now has an

endowment of \$100,000, which was completed on the occasion of a visit of the president of the institution to the East.

Richmond: The congregation of Westminster Church, extended, by an almost unanimous vote, a call to the Rev. James Y. Fair, D. D., up to a few days ago pastor of the Independent Presbyterian church, of Savannah, Ga., formerly pastor of the Grace Street Presbyterian church, of this city. A telegram received from Dr. Fair stated that he had decided to accept the Richmond call, and so announced to his congregation. Dr. Fair is a native of Abbeville, S. C., and is a graduate of the University of Virginia. For a number of years he was pastor of the Grace Street Presbyterian church, where he succeeded the late Rev. Charles H. Read, and was himself succeeded by Rev. Jere Witherspoon, D. D., whose death a few weeks ago left that pulpit vacant. Dr. Fair resigned his Richmond pastorate about ten years ago to accept a call to the Independent Presbyterian church, of Savannah, where he has since been located. He made many friends throughout the city during his pastorate here. His ability as a preacher and organizer is also widely recognized. Westminster Presbyterian church was established fifteen years ago as a colony and preaching point in the far West End by the First Presbyterian church, and has since erected a frame chapel and constantly added to its membership. For several years it has had as temporary supply Rev. Thomas R. English, D. D., professor in Union Theological Seminary, who has conducted regular services. Sometime ago Dr. English notified the officers that such temporary arrangement could not longer continue, and urged that the church should have the whole time of an active and energetic preacher. On Sunday morning, at a meeting of the congregation, a committee, consisting of the elders and deacons, was appointed to recommend a pastor, and the committee recommended the election of Dr. Fair, which was adopted almost without dissent.

The Presbytery of Montgomery is hereby called to meet in the Presbyterian church at Salem, Va., on Monday, November 22, at 12 o'clock, noon, to transact the following business: 1. To receive and consider the call of the Bluefield Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. J. Woods, and to take such steps as may be necessary to conclude the matter. 2. To receive and act upon the request of the Rev. L. W. Irwin for the dissolution of his pastoral relations with Radford and Radford Central churches. 3. To dismiss the Rev. R. E. Redding to Greenbrier Presbytery. 4. To receive the Rev. LeRoy Gresham from Orange Presbytery, place in his hands the call of Salem Church and arrange for his installation. 5. To receive licentiate W. T. Williams from Winchester Presbytery, place in his hands calls from Falling Spring and Glasgow, examine him for ordination and arrange for his installation.

J. A. McMurray, Moderator.